Sales Turn-Over of Medicines

4545. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

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Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 351 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) what is the All India estimate of sales turn-over of Propoxyphena zone, Avapyrazone, Chymotrpysin Tripolidine Hcl, Dexomethorphan Hydrobromide, Carbinoxamine Maleate and Phenyl propanolamine Hcl during 1986 and 1987 based on records maintained by the 650 chemists according to ORG;

(b) whether it is a fact that all these drugs are exempted from price control;.'

(c) whether it is also a fact that none of these drugs are produced in the country;

(d) if so, what are the basis on which Kelkar Committee recommended for the exemption of drugs those from price control and what is the specific exclusion criteria which is being fulfilled by each of these drugs; and

(e) how the objective of boosting indigenous production is achieved by decontrolling the prices of impor ted bulk drugs having monopoly and substantial turnover ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI *J.* VENGAL RAO) ; (a) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(b) Yes, Sir. As per the provisions of DPCO, 1987 all the referred bulk drugs are exempted from price control.

(c) Production of the referred bulk drugs is not being monitored.

(d) The Kelkar Committee considered the WHO list of essential drugs and recommended bulk drugs to be included in Category II, adopt-ting five exclusion criteria.

(e) The measures announced in December, 1986 are aimed at increa sing indigenous production.

Increase in vitamin prices

4546 SHRI BHAGAT RAM MANHAR DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3272 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 22nd August, 1988 and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that it is obligatory to provide to his Ministry full details of revised prices of non-scheduled drugs before increasing the prices according to DPCO, 1987;

(b) if so, the names of the companies which furnished such information in respect of these sixteen rugs;

(c) what are the basis for increase in each case;

(d) what is the percentage increaseeach case . and what is the reaction of his Ministry of such increase;